

(11) All sewage and liquid wastes shall be disposed of through a sewer system approved by an appropriate, responsible authority, and garbage and trash shall be stored in a safe and sanitary manner until collected;

(12) There shall be at least 35 square feet of indoor space per child available for the care of children (i.e., exclusive of bathrooms, halls, kitchen, and storage places). There shall be at least 75 square feet per child outdoors; and

(13) Adequate provisions shall be made for handicapped children to ensure their safety and comfort.

Evidence that the center meets or exceeds State or local licensing requirements for similar kinds of facilities for fire, health and safety shall be accepted as prima facie compliance with the fire, health and safety requirements of this section.

(b) The plan shall provide for appropriate and sufficient furniture, equipment and materials to meet the needs of the program, and for their arrangement in such a way as to facilitate learning, assure a balanced program of spontaneous and structured activities, and encourage self-reliance in the children. The equipment and materials shall be:

(1) Consistent with the specific educational objectives of the local program;

(2) Consistent with the cultural and ethnic background of the children;

(3) Geared to the age, ability, and developmental needs of the children;

(4) Safe, durable, and kept in good condition;

(5) Stored in a safe and orderly fashion when not in use;

(6) Accessible, attractive, and inviting to the children; and

(7) Designed to provide a variety of learning experiences and to encourage experimentation and exploration.

Subpart C—Health Services Objectives and Performance Standards

§ 1304.3-1 Health services general objectives.

The general objectives of the health services component of the Head Start program are to:

(a) Provide a comprehensive health services program which includes a broad range of medical, dental, mental health and nutrition services to preschool children, including handicapped children, to assist the child's physical, emotional, cognitive and social development toward the overall goal of social competence.

(b) Promote preventive health services and early intervention.

(c) Provide the child's family with the necessary skills and insight and otherwise attempt to link the family to an ongoing health care system to ensure that the child continues to receive comprehensive health care even after leaving the Head Start program.

§ 1304.3-2 Health Services Advisory Committee.

The plan shall provide for the creation of a Health Services Advisory Committee whose purpose shall be advising in the planning, operation and evaluation of the health services program and which shall consist of Head Start parents and health services providers in the community and other specialists in the various health disciplines. (Existing committees may be modified or combined to carry out this function.)

§ 1304.3-3 Medical and dental history, screening, and examinations.

(a) The health services component of the performance standards plan shall provide that for each child enrolled in the Head Start program a complete medical, dental and developmental history will be obtained and recorded, a thorough health screening will be given, and medical and dental examinations will be performed. The plan will provide also for advance parent or guardian authorization for all health services under this subpart.

(b) Effective with the beginning of the 1993-94 program year, grantees must provide for health and developmental screenings by 45 days after the beginning of services for children in the fall, or for a child who enters late, by 45 days after the child enters into the program and must include:

(1) Growth assessment (head circumference up to two years old), height, weight and age.